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## **News Release**

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### **Hinckley man indicted for robbing Finlayson bank**

A 26-year-old Hinckley man was indicted yesterday in federal court with one count of bank robbery in connection with the July 11 heist at the Northview Bank in Finlayson Township.

Jason Lee McLevis was charged Aug. 12 in Minneapolis. His indictment alleges that on July 11 he did, by force, violence and intimidation, take approximately \$2,969 from a teller at the bank.

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, the masked robber entered the bank at approximately 11:15 a.m., walked up to an unattended teller station, then went around the counter to the back of the station and removed money from the teller's drawer placing it into a black bag. While exiting the bank, the robber pointed a knife at the receptionist. The man drove away in a Ford pickup truck.

Law enforcement conducted a traffic stop near Hinckley on a vehicle that matched the description of the one used in the bank robbery. McLevis was arrested and officers recovered approximately \$2,955, a knife, a mask, and clothing matching those worn in the robbery.

If convicted, McLevis faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the FBI, the Minnesota State Patrol and the Pine County Sheriff's Office. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Erika R. Mozangue.

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by the defendant. The defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.